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Examiner: Crouch, Deborah

For: RENOVATION AND  
REPOPULATION OF  
DECCELLULARIZED TISSUES  
AND CADAVERIC ORGANS BY  
STEM CELLS

Attorney Docket No.: 9516-101-999  
(CAM: 501872-999100)

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has required restriction of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following two groups:

- I. Claims 1-12, 22 and 23, drawn to methods of manufacturing a tissue matrix, a tissue matrix and a method of treating a patient by implanting the tissue matrix, classified in class 424, subclass 93.2; and
- II. Claims 13-21, drawn to an isolated placenta, method of culturing a placenta, isolated placental stem cells and a pharmaceutical composition comprising the stem cells, classified in class 435, subclass 325+.

The Examiner contends that the inventions of Groups I and II are distinct, each from the other.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, 1-12, 22 and 23, drawn to methods of manufacturing a tissue matrix, a tissue matrix and a method of treating a patient by implanting the tissue matrix, classified in class 424, subclass 93.2.

Applicant respectfully requests that the present remarks be made of record in the file history of the present application. An early allowance of the application is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions concerning the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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